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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING CHARACTER SETS TO GENERATE A SEARCH INDEX)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 1, 9, 17, 25, and 33-36 as follows below. In addition, please add new claims 37-39 as follow below.

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1. (**Amended**) A method of evaluating characters in an inputted search string to generate a search index, comprising the steps of:
 - a) accepting an input of the characters of the search string, wherein the characters can be represented in any of a plurality of character sets corresponding to an undetermined language;